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In re U.S. Patent Application of Hartlaub	)	
	)	Group Art Unit: 2863
Application No. 10/001,357	)	
	)	Examiner: Tung S. Lau
Filed: October 31, 2001	)	
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For: Non-Conformance Monitoring and	)	
Control Techniques for an	)	
Implantable Medical Device	)	

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL  
OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 23, 2004**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is responsive to the final Office Action dated August 23, 2004 and the Advisory Action dated December 13, 2004. This response is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination. A request for an extension of time and the fee are also included. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the RCE fee and extension of time fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0733. In addition, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment of fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.

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